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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-950, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE CITIZENS
CLEAN ELECTIONS ACT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1, section
3 1, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, section 16-950, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 16-950. Qualification for clean campaign funding

6 A. A candidate who has made an application for certification may also
7 apply, in accordance with subsection B of this section, to receive funds from
8 the citizens clean elections fund, instead of receiving private
9 contributions.

10 B. To receive any clean campaign funding, the candidate must present
11 to the secretary of state no later than one week after the end of the
12 qualifying period a list of names of persons who have made qualifying
13 contributions pursuant to section 16-946 on behalf of the candidate. The
14 list shall be divided by county. At the same time, the candidate must tender
15 to the secretary of state the original reporting slips identified in section
16 16-946, subsection C for persons on the list and an amount equal to the sum
17 of the qualifying contributions collected. The secretary of state shall
18 deposit the amount into the fund.

19 C. The secretary of state shall select at random a sample of five
20 ~~percent~~ PER CENT of the number of non-duplicative names on the list and
21 forward facsimiles of the selected reporting slips to the county ~~recorder~~
22 RECORDERS for the counties of the addresses specified in the selected slips.
23 A COUNTY RECORDER SHALL REPORT VERIFIED TOTALS DAILY TO THE SECRETARY OF
24 STATE UNTIL A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VERIFIED
25 SLIPS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. IF A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VERIFIED SLIPS HAS BEEN
26 SUBMITTED TO ONE OR MORE COUNTY RECORDERS, THE COUNTY RECORDERS MAY STOP THE
27 VERIFICATION PROCESS. Within ten days, the county recorders shall provide a
28 report to the secretary of state identifying as disqualified any slips ~~that~~
29 ~~are unsigned or undated or~~ that the recorder is unable to verify as matching
30 a person who is ~~registered to vote~~, A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ELECTORAL
31 DISTRICT OF THE OFFICE THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING on the date specified on the
32 slip, ~~inside the electoral district of the office the candidate is seeking~~.
33 The secretary of state shall multiply the number of slips not disqualified by
34 twenty, and if the result is greater than one hundred and ten ~~percent~~ PER
35 CENT of the quantity required, shall approve the candidate for funds, and if
36 the result is less than ninety ~~percent~~ PER CENT of the quantity required,
37 shall deny the application for funds. Otherwise, the secretary of state
38 shall forward facsimiles of all of the slips to the county recorders for
39 verification, and the county recorders shall check all slips in accordance
40 with the process above.

41 D. To qualify for clean campaign funding, a candidate must have been
42 approved as a participating candidate pursuant to section 16-947 and have
43 obtained the following number of qualifying contributions:

- 44 1. For a candidate for legislature, two hundred.
- 45 2. For candidate for mine inspector, five hundred.

- 1 3. For a candidate for treasurer, superintendent of public
2 instruction, ~~or~~ or corporation commission, one thousand five hundred.
- 3 4. For a candidate for secretary of state or attorney general, two
4 thousand five hundred.
- 5 5. For a candidate for governor, four thousand.
- 6 E. To qualify for clean campaign funding, a candidate must have met
7 the requirements of this section and either be an independent candidate or
8 meet the following standards:
- 9 1. To qualify for funding for a party primary election, a candidate
10 must have properly filed nominating papers and nominating petitions with
11 signatures pursuant to chapter 3, articles 2 and 3 of this title in the
12 primary of a political organization entitled to continued representation on
13 the official ballot in accordance with section 16-804.
- 14 2. To qualify for clean campaign funding for a general election, a
15 candidate must be a party nominee of such a political organization.
- 16 Sec. 2. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote
- 17 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (6), Constitution
18 of Arizona, this act is effective only on the affirmative vote of at least
19 three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.